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Attorney General Bruning Warns Nebraskans of Tax Refund Scam

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today reports a new tax refund scam targeting consumers through email.

The email hijacks the Internal Revenue Service's logo and claims that the recipient has received a refund in a specific dollar amount. They are then directed to an online form through an attached link to claim their refund. The online form replicates the actual IRS Web site layout but asks for personal information such as one's credit card number, ATM PIN, card expiration date and 3-digit security code.

"This particular scam is unusual due to the likeness of the actual IRS Web site," Bruning said. "The IRS will never ask for credit card information through email, and consumers should report such contact immediately."

The IRS's first form of communication with consumers is through the US Postal Service, and would never be through email.

"With the tax deadline approaching, we expect these scams to increase," Bruning said. "Consumers need to know that we are here to help."

If you or someone you know has been targeted by this IRS-lookalike scam, file a complaint at the Attorney General's Web site at ago.ne.gov or contact the Consumer Protection Division at 800-727-6432.

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